

**Scouting America**  
Northern New Jersey Council

# 2026 Three Rivers District Merit Badge Fair Guidebook

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Our Lady of Visitation  
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If you have questions, we will try to answer them! The best way to reach us is by email.

## **CHECK IN**

Check-in will begin at 8:00am on Saturday morning and continue until 9am.

## **DISMISSAL**

ALL Merit Badge classes will end at 3pm. **All Scouts must be picked up no later than 3:30pm.**

## **MERIT BADGE BLUE CARDS**

As per the Guide to Advancement, each Scout must meet with their unit leader about which merit badges they'd like to start.

Once approved, your leader will issue a signed blue card. Bring the signed blue card to the merit badge fair and turn it in to the merit badge counselor at your session. **Blue cards will not be issued at the event—please make sure they are signed in advance.**

Completion of requirements and approval of merit badges are at the discretion of the merit badge counselor, in accordance with Scouting America guidelines.

**\*\*Important:** Simply attending a session does not guarantee completion. Scouts are expected to complete any prerequisites, actively participate in discussions and activities, and fulfill all requirements as determined by the counselor.

## **MERIT BADGE CLASSES**

Questions about a particular merit badge should be directed to Merit Badge Counselors. Counselors may reach out to Scouts once they have signed up for their class.

## **DRESS CODE**

Scouts are expected to come in Class A uniform.

## **CELL PHONE POLICY**

Phones and other electronic devices are to be on mute and put away during merit badge sessions. Depending on the nature of a particular merit badge, a Merit Badge Counselor may allow use of cell phones to aid in completing merit badge requirements.

## **FOOD**

Lunch is scheduled for 12:00 - 12:45pm. Food is not included in the cost of the Fair. The Order of the Arrow will have hot dogs and other lunch items for sale. Scouts can also bring their own bag lunches. Classes will resume at 1pm. All Scouts need to bring their own water.

## **MERIT BADGE A-Z**

This is the Scouting America website for up to date merit badge requirements.

<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

### MERIT BADGE OFFERINGS

AM Offerings	PM Offerings
Artificial Intelligence	Cybersecurity
Safety	Fire Safety
Emergency Preparedness	First Aid
Cooking	Wilderness Survival
Composite Material	Fly Fishing
Fishing	Citizenship in the Community
Citizenship in the Nation	Music
Entrepreneurship	Sustainability
Communications	Environmental Science
Programming	Disabilities Awareness
Citizenship in the World	Scouting Heritage
Personal Fitness	Digital Technology
Fish and Wildlife Management	Robotics
Sports	Collections
Collections	
Art	
Camping	

### PREREQUISITES & MATERIALS

Merit badges recognize a Scout's proficiency in a life skill, trade, or hobby. To honor that purpose, Scouts must complete all listed prerequisites before arriving at the Merit Badge Fair. Scouts who do not complete the prerequisites may receive a partial or may not be permitted to attend the class.

All requirements are approved at the discretion of the Merit Badge Counselor in accordance with BSA guidelines. Please note that some merit badges cannot be completed during the fair and will require additional work afterward. Scouts may continue working with the Merit Badge Fair Counselor or choose to finish the badge with another approved counselor. Before leaving the fair, Scouts must obtain the counselor's signature for any partially completed requirements.

Scouts are expected to review the merit badge pamphlet and requirements in advance and come prepared for discussion.

Please bring your merit badge workbook, notebook, completed prerequisites, and a pen or pencil to each class.

Merit Badge:	Pre-Requisites:	Merit Badge Counselor email & important notes:
<b>Artificial Intelligence</b> 	See attached separate document for pre-reqs and counselor contact information:  Artificial Intelligence Merit Badge Prep - ...	Mr. Al Berg <a href="mailto:al@al-berg.com">al@al-berg.com</a>
<b>Art</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 4</li> <li>● Requirement 5</li> <li>● Requirement 6</li> </ul>	Ms. Susan Stigliano <a href="mailto:sjstig@gmail.com">sjstig@gmail.com</a>
<b>Camping</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 9A, 9B, 9C</li> </ul>	Mr. Matthew Blevins <a href="mailto:mattfblevins@gmail.com">mattfblevins@gmail.com</a>
<b>Citizenship in the Community (AM Session)</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 2</li> <li>● Requirement 3</li> <li>● Requirement 4</li> <li>● Requirement 5</li> <li>● Requirement 7</li> <li>● Requirement 8</li> </ul>	Ms. Kristin Knight <a href="mailto:kristinannknight@gmail.com">kristinannknight@gmail.com</a>
<b>Citizenship in the Community (PM Session)</b> 	<p>*This session will be conducted in a conference style format where Scouts meet with Merit Badge Counselor to review fully completed requirements*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirements 1-8 need to be completed prior to the merit badge fair.</li> </ul>	Mr. Robert Stigliano <a href="mailto:rstig1958@gmail.com">rstig1958@gmail.com</a> Scouts should email paperwork of completed requirements to Mr. Stigliano, the Merit Badge Counselor, one to two weeks before the merit badge fair for review.
<b>Citizenship in the Nation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 5</li> <li>● Requirement 6</li> <li>● Requirement 7</li> <li>● Requirement 8</li> </ul>	Ms. Kristin Knight <a href="mailto:kristinannknight@gmail.com">kristinannknight@gmail.com</a>

		
<p><b>Citizenship in the World</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 3a and 3b</li> <li>● Requirement 4 (The Scout has to complete TWO of the following: 4a, 4b, or 4c) Check for current requirements as they have recently changed.</li> <li>● Requirement 5a, 5b, 5c.</li> <li>● Requirement 7 (The Scout must do TWO of 5 options in this requirement. Note: If the Scout's school has an international day/festival, that will count for 7e.)</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Gerald Dalzell  <a href="mailto:gerald.dalzell@verizon.net">gerald.dalzell@verizon.net</a></p> <p>Please note:  The following newspapers are approved for 4B: The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post &amp; Boston Globe. The Record or USA Today can be used if there is international coverage. The following newspapers are <u>not</u> approved for 4B: The New York Post, NY News &amp; Washington Times. If a Scout needs online access to a newspaper to complete 4B, email Mr. Dalzell for assistance.</p>
<p><b>Collections (AM &amp; PM Sessions)</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 1</li> <li>● Requirement 5b (Scouts must bring your collection (or pictures of it) to this class)</li> <li>● <i>Stamps and Coins do not qualify for Collections MB, as they have their own MBs.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Jennifer Rupprecht  <a href="mailto:jenteaches@hotmail.com">jenteaches@hotmail.com</a>  Mr. Jon Anderson  <a href="mailto:jon_anderson@verizon.net">jon_anderson@verizon.net</a>  Mr. Arthur Rosenberger  <a href="mailto:arosenberger1345@gmail.com">arosenberger1345@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Cooking</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 1</li> <li>● Requirement 2</li> <li>● Requirement 3</li> <li>● Requirement 4</li> <li>● Requirement 6</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Allen Sterk  <a href="mailto:klondikehq@gmail.com">klondikehq@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Communications (AM Session)</b></p> 	<p>*This session will be conducted in a conference style format where Scouts meet with Merit Badge Counselor to review fully completed requirements*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirements 1-9 need to be completed prior to the merit badge fair.</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Robert Stigliano  <a href="mailto:rstig1958@gmail.com">rstig1958@gmail.com</a>  Scouts should email paperwork of completed requirements to Mr. Stigliano, the Merit Badge Counselor, one to two weeks before the merit badge fair for review.</p>

<b>Composite Material</b> 	N/A	Mr. Allen Sterk <a href="mailto:klondikehq@gmail.com">klondikehq@gmail.com</a>
<b>Cybersecurity</b> 	See attached separate document for pre-reqs and counselor contact information:  CyberSecurity Merit Badge Prep - March ...	Mr. Al Berg <a href="mailto:al@al-berg.com">al@al-berg.com</a>
<b>Digital Technology</b> 	Scouts need to bring a laptop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirement 6</li> <li>Requirement 9</li> </ul>	Mr. Matthew Blevins <a href="mailto:mattfblevins@gmail.com">mattfblevins@gmail.com</a>
<b>Disabilities Awareness</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider your school for completing Requirement 2</li> <li>Requirement 3</li> <li>Requirement 4</li> <li>Requirement 5-a will be done as a group,</li> <li>All other sections should have hand-written responses</li> </ul>	Mr. Glen Kassis <a href="mailto:glenkassis@gmail.com">glenkassis@gmail.com</a> <i>*Worksheets will be reviewed and must be fully completed and hand-written to earn the merit badge*</i>
<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	Watch all the videos for all requirements prior to the event, and bring a note from a parent or scout leader attesting, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirement 2B: Bring plan to event</li> <li>Requirement 2C: Complete checklists</li> <li>Requirement 3: A complete checklist</li> <li>Requirement 8: C complete checklist</li> </ul>	Mr. Arthur Ditzell <a href="mailto:abditzel@gmail.com">abditzel@gmail.com</a>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirement 9: Bring proof of completion (blue card) for First Aid MB</li> <li>Requirement 10: Complete one of the options and come prepared to discuss what was learned.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Entrepreneurship</b></p> 	<p>*This session will be conducted in a conference style format where Scouts meet with Merit Badge Counselor to review fully completed requirements*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements 1-6 need to be completed prior to the merit badge fair.</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Ethan Horvitz  <a href="mailto:Ethan.horvitz@gmail.com">Ethan.horvitz@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Environmental Science</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirement 1</li> <li>Requirement 2</li> <li>Requirement 3 A-F (Do one activity in the seven categories)</li> <li>Requirement 3G: Need to bring in photographs or illustrations</li> <li>Requirement 3H</li> <li>Requirement 4: <b>Two</b> outdoor study areas have to be different in every way (terrain) will need only to do <b>one</b>, give a report of the study areas.</li> <li>Requirement 5</li> <li>Requirement 6</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Carmen Martell  <a href="mailto:cns.martell@gmail.com">cns.martell@gmail.com</a>  <i>All questions will be reviewed in a class setting and then worksheets will be individually reviewed</i></p>
<p><b>Fire Safety</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirement 5D: Complete the home fire safety checklist</li> <li>Requirement 8D &amp; E: Bring a note from a parent or scout leader attesting to completion</li> <li>Requirement 8H: Prepare the lesson plan and bring it to the event</li> <li>Requirement 10:A or B please complete prior to event</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Arthur Ditzell  <a href="mailto:abditzel@gmail.com">abditzel@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>First Aid</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirement 2A print and complete medical form A &amp; B,</li> <li>Requirement 2 B1 complete the pdf  Home Safety Checklists #1 # 2 01 ...</li> <li>Requirement 15 A, B, C, or D</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Arthur Ditzell  <a href="mailto:abditzel@gmail.com">abditzel@gmail.com</a></p>

		
<p><b>Fishing</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 7</li> <li>● Requirement 9</li> <li>● Requirement 10</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Allen Sterk  <a href="mailto:klondikehq@gmail.com">klondikehq@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Fish and Wildlife Management</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 4 will be done a group</li> <li>● Requirement 5-b should be complete at least 1 week in advance</li> <li>● Requirement 6-a and Requirement 7 will be done as a group</li> <li>● All other sections should have hand-written responses</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Glen Kassis  <a href="mailto:glenkassis@gmail.com">glenkassis@gmail.com</a>  <i>*Worksheets will be reviewed and must be fully completed and hand-written to earn the merit badge*</i></p>
<p><b>Fly Fishing</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 8</li> <li>● Requirement 10</li> <li>● Requirement 11</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Allen Sterk  <a href="mailto:klondikehq@gmail.com">klondikehq@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Music</b></p> 	<p>*This session will be conducted in a conference style format where Scouts meet with Merit Badge Counselor to review fully completed requirements*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirements 1-6 need to be completed prior to the merit badge fair.</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Robert Stigliano  <a href="mailto:rstig1958@gmail.com">rstig1958@gmail.com</a>          Scouts should email paperwork of completed requirements to Mr. Stigliano, the Merit Badge Counselor, one to two weeks before the merit badge fair for review.</p>
<p><b>Personal Fitness</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 2 &amp; a copy of a medical examination forms A,B and C and a copy of a dental examination, or a letter from the dentist attesting that teeth are in good shape, that is still within a year.</li> <li>● Requirement 3</li> <li>● Requirement 4</li> <li>● Requirement 5</li> <li>● Requirement 7</li> <li>● Requirement 8</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Carmen Martell  <a href="mailto:cns.martell@gmail.com">cns.martell@gmail.com</a>  <i>All questions will be reviewed in a class setting and then worksheets will be individually reviewed</i></p>

<b>Programming</b> 	Scouts need to bring a laptop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirement 5</li> <li>• Requirement 6</li> </ul>	Mr. Matthew Blevins <a href="mailto:mattfblevins@gmail.com">mattfblevins@gmail.com</a>
<b>Robotics</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirement 1</li> <li>• Requirement 6</li> <li>• Requirement 7</li> </ul>	Mr. Andrew Hermann <a href="mailto:aherrmann@lsc.org">aherrmann@lsc.org</a>
<b>Safety</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 D Home Safety Checklist (pdf) prior to the event   Home Safety Checklists #1 # 2 01 ...</li> <li>• 2 E and F</li> <li>• Choose one: 9 A or 9 B</li> </ul>	Mr. Arthur Ditzell <a href="mailto:abditzel@gmail.com">abditzel@gmail.com</a>
<b>Scouting Heritage</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirement 2</li> <li>• Requirement 5</li> <li>• Requirement 6: Scouts should come prepared with either physical collections or a digital copy of the collection (a collection of photos on a Google Slides presentation is acceptable). If Scout is going to present a digital collection that material must be shared with Mr. Tirri prior to the Merit Badge Fair</li> <li>• Requirement 8</li> <li>• Requirement 9: Scouts will complete this requirement and submit it to Mr. Tirri either before the Merit Badge Fair via email or on the day of the Merit Badge Fair</li> </ul>	Mr. Vince Tirri <a href="mailto:vtirri@gmail.com">vtirri@gmail.com</a> See attached separate document Merit Badge Counselor's Artificial Intelligence Use Policy:  VT GenAI Policy.pdf
<b>Sports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirement 4 A, B, C (for two sports)</li> <li>• Requirement 5 B</li> </ul>	Mr. Craig Birth <a href="mailto:Hhtroop17scoutmaster@gmail.com">Hhtroop17scoutmaster@gmail.com</a>

		
<p><b>Sustainability</b></p> 	<p><i>For requirements 2 through 6, you have a choice of (a), (b), or (c). Although you may choose any of the three, we will discuss:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 2: Water option 2(a)</li> <li>● Requirement 3: Food option 3(b)</li> <li>● Requirement 5: Energy option 5(a)</li> <li>● Requirement 4: Community option 4(a)</li> <li>● Requirement 6: Stuff option 6(a)</li> <li>● Requirement 7: You must choose two of six choices. They are your choice, but I will review options 7(a) and 7(f)</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Gerald Dalzell  <a href="mailto:gerald.dalzell@verizon.net">gerald.dalzell@verizon.net</a></p> <p>The Sustainability Merit Badge has an unusual study assistance. Go to the web, Google “Sustainability Merit Badge Requirements” and you will find not only the requirements for the merit badge, but video aids for <i>every requirement</i>. You can do practically the entire merit badge in advance—the web will be your teacher!</p>
<p><b>Wilderness Survival</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requirement 1</li> <li>● Requirement 4</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Allen Sterk  <a href="mailto:klondikehq@gmail.com">klondikehq@gmail.com</a></p>